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1) English Translation of Abstract for Japanese Patent No. JP 57-171810.

The above-identified documents were cited in an German Office Action (copy enclosed) in a related German patent application number 103 08 946.2 filed on February 28, 2003.

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